(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for not insisting for such a guarantee?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The relevant appeals have not been disposed of by the Commissioner of Income-tax (Appeals) so far.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The assessee has been allowed to pay the outstanding tax dues in instalments. Section 220(3) of the Income-tax Act provides that payment of tax may be allowed to be made by instalments, subject to such conditions as the Assessing Officer may think fit to impose in the circumstances of the case. In the case of this assessee, the Assessing Officer has not imposed any condition regarding the furnishing of bank guarantee by the assessee.

Filling of income-tax returns by the Chairman, Indian Express Group of newspapers

1014. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1094 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the Chairman, Indian Express Group of newspapers has filed the income-tax returns in pursuance of the notice issued under Section 139(2) of the Income Tax Act for the year 1988-89;

(b) if so, whether the same has been assessed by the income-tax authorities; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the details thereof and what penalty has been imposed on the basis of the assessment made?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of answer to (a) above, does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Action against M/s. Traders Private Limited for violation of import policy

1015. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 221 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd February, 1989 and state:

(a) what are the details of the reply given by M/s. Traders Private Limited on the show cause notice issued against the firm; and

(b) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) and (b) M/s. Traders Private Limited in their reply to the show cause notice have challenged the legality of the show cause notice proceedings initiated against them. They have also denied the allegations.

Proceedings initiated against them are yet to be finalised after affording necessary opportunity of personal hearing.

Suspension of Modernisation work of Bengal Fine Spinning and Weaving Mills of NTC (WBABO) Ltd., Calcutta

1016. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the works pertaining to modernisation and expansion of Bengal Fine Spinning and Weaving Mills No. 2, Kataganj, District Nadia of the NTC (WBABO) Limited, Calcutta were suspended due to resources constraints;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the works were suspended after investing huge sums of money towards modernisation programme;

(c) whether the reasons for such suspension of works have been ascertained; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what further action is being taken to complete the job of modernisation and what is the estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Recovery proceedings against Chairman, Indian Express Group of newspapers

1017. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2442 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the appeal against the balance demand of Rs. 26,82,164 from the Chairman, Indian Express Group of newspapers has been disposed of;

(b) if so, whether the recovery has been made; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for such undue delay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The demand of Rs. 26,82,164 referred to in the question was not due from the Chairman, Indian Express Group of newspapers but was due from Indian Express Newspapers (Bombay) Pvt. Ltd. Appeals against this demand have not yet been disposed of.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Cases filed by Government in the High Courts and the Supreme Court

1018. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the remark of the Chief Justice of Supreme Court, while opening a new block of Andhra Pradesh High Court in Hyderabad recently to the effect that the State is the largest litigant in the country;

(b) if so, what is the number of cases pending in various High Courts and the Supreme Court as on 30th April, 1990 which have been filed by the Central Governments, State Governments and other similar authorities; and

(c) what are the details of corrective measures Government propose to take to ensure that common man is not dragged to courts for settling dues?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) It is the policy of the Government not to drag the common man to the Court unnecessarily.

Recovery of various tax dues stayed by court orders

1019. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of money which Government have to recover from industrialists and businessmen by way of excise duty, income tax and other taxes but which have been stayed by court orders as on 30th April, 1990; and